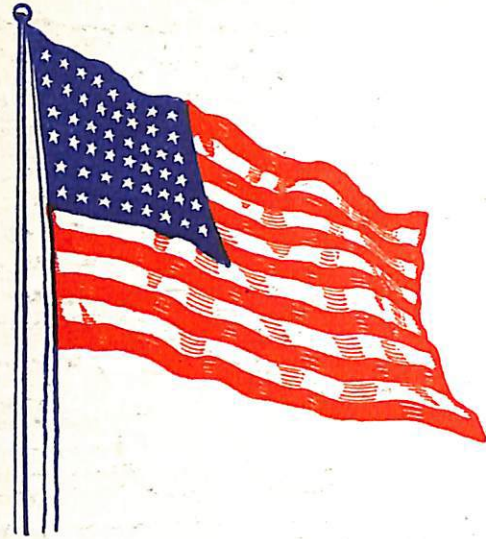


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KARL REX HAMMERS

Sincere congratulations to Melha Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.
as you prepare to celebrate your 50th Anniversary.

This event tells the world that you have been successful
and the Nobility are undoubtedly proud of your honored and
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To be with you on this occasion will be an honor and a
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Yours in the Faith,

Karl Rex Hammers

Imperial Potentate.



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CHARLES H. MILLER

Greetings on this, our 50th Anniversary. It is indeed a pleasure to look back over these 50 years and note the progress that has been ours.

We can be justly proud, our own Temple, a Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children in our City and the host of friends who will be with us on this celebration.

Chas. H. Miller

First Potentate of Melha Temple.



DONALD H. MUDD

August 23, 1947, will go down in the history of Melha Temple as a sincere tribute to its Charter Members and to those Nobles who have since carried on the work of having builded well the 77th Shrine Temple created on June 9, 1897.

We cordially welcome Imperial Potentate Karl Rex Hammers and thank him for gracing this day with his presence.

We are justly proud of the unique distinction of having our first Potentate, hale and hearty, join with all in celebrating our 50th Anniversary. A salute to you Illustrious First Potentate, Charles H. Miller.

A hearty vote of thanks to our 50th Anniversary General Chairman and Co-Chairman, our Officers, Past Potentates, Committees, Uniformed Bodies and Nobles who have cooperated so enthusiastically, financially and otherwise, in preparing and carrying out the day's program, and to those who have helped so generously in subscribing to advertisements. My warm appreciation and thanks to the great number of visiting Past Imperial Potentates, present Imperial Officers, Potentates, Past Potentates, Officers and Nobles for their being with us on this eventful occasion.

For the future—a prediction of a steadily growing, progressive Melha Temple, ever ready to do its part and more in spreading the gospel of Shrinedom and a continuance, without reservation, of our outstanding support of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children.

Sincerely yours in the Faith,

Donald H. Mudd

Potentate.

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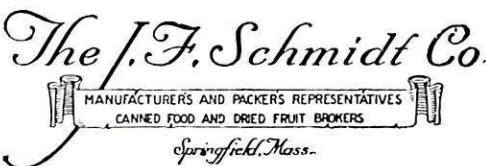
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*Athol.....{ Star Lodge

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*Brookfield.....Hayden Lodge

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Chicopee Falls.....Belcher Lodge

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Greenfield.....Republican Lodge

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{ William Whiting Lodge

Huntington.....Huntington Lodge

Lee.....Evening Star Lodge

Longmeadow.....Longmeadow Lodge

Ludlow.....Brigham Lodge

Millbury.....Olive Branch Lodge

Monson.....Day Spring Lodge

Montague.....Bay State Lodge

North Adams.....{ Lafayette Lodge

{ Greylock Lodge

Northampton.....Jerusalem Lodge

*North Brookfield.....Meridian Sun Lodge

Northfield.....Harmony Lodge

Orange.....Orange Lodge

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Easthampton.....James Rogerson Chapter

*Gardner.....Gardner Chapter

Great Barrington.....Monument Chapter

Greenfield.....Franklin Chapter

Holyoke.....Mount Holyoke Chapter

Millbury.....Tyrian Chapter

North Adams.....Composite Chapter

Northampton.....Northampton Chapter

Orange.....Crescent Chapter

Palmer.....Hampden Chapter

Pittsfield.....Berkshire Chapter

*Southbridge.....Doric Chapter

Springfield.....Morning Star Chapter

*Warren.....King Solomon's Chapter

Westfield.....Evening Star Chapter

West Springfield.....Kingsway Chapter

*Winchendon.....North Star Chapter

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Pittsfield.....Berkshire Council

Springfield.....Springfield Council

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*Worcester.....Hiram Council

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North Adams.....St. Paul Commandery, No. 40

Northampton.....Northampton Commandery, No. 30

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Pontoosuc Council, Princes of Jerusalem

Pittsfield Chapter of Rose Croix

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Massasoit Council, Princes of Jerusalem

Springfield Chapter of Rose Croix

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*Worcester.....Worcester Lodge of Perfection

Goddard Council, Princes of Jerusalem

Lawrence Chapter of Rose Croix

*Concurrent jurisdiction with Aleppo Temple.



MELHA TEMPLE IN RETROSPECT

The synopsis of the history of the birth of Melha Temple as given by our First Potentate Charles H. Miller is food for serious thought in as much as it illustrates conclusively the great interest the founders of our Temple took in our grand Order.

In the beginning, only a handful of men to do things, and yet their activities were all successes. If today and always, Nobles, we can arouse even a fraction of the interest and teamwork that characterized the founders, Melha will always be one of the leading lights of Shrinedom. So I ask you, Nobles, in the name of Allah, to let us all get together and pull on the oars of co-operation and keep Melha where she rightfully belongs, among the leaders.

This preface to the following story of fifty years with Melha was taken from the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Program and is equally as pertinent to-day as it was twenty-five years ago.

Melha Temple was founded fifty years ago thru the efforts of Charles H. Miller and twelve Nobles, mostly from Aleppo Temple of Boston, who were living in and around Springfield. These pioneers were granted a dispensation from the Imperial Council to start a caravan across the sands of time. When their first year's travels came to an end they had a set of by-laws approved by the Imperial Council, a Charter and a charter membership of ninety Nobles. Aleppo Temple very graciously helped Melha by releasing jurisdiction over the four western counties of Massachusetts which then became the supporting area of Melha and from which we grew. We now enjoy concurrent jurisdiction with Aleppo Temple in the Worcester area.

The first five years of Melha Temple under the leadership of Illustrious Potentate Charles H. Miller gave to us the firm foundation upon which Melha is

built. Our records show that those first years were eventful and full of interest. Meetings were held in the parlors of the Cooley Hotel, and the Odd Fellows Building. The Ceremonials were held in the old city hall and the skating rink on Lyman Street. In the years that followed we have had thirty-six Potentates, twenty of whom are living and each one has contributed greatly to the history of Melha. Various Temple units and uniformed bodies have been organized. Our Patrol unit is the oldest unit in the Temple. Two different club houses have been purchased. Our present one became ours with no financial encumbrances several years ago and has been completely renovated and rebuilt to conform to the state and local building codes. Its several halls and rooms are rented to various organizations of the city as a meeting place. Melha Temple is proud of its various units, each one having been noteworthy in many respects. The first Directors Association in the United States was formed at Melha and has been extremely active throughout the years. The excellence of our uniformed bodies has been outstanding and they have won many prizes in competition with other Temples.

In 1920 three hundred and twenty-one novices crossed the hot sands followed by six hundred the next year, there being 300 in one class alone. Over nine hundred Nobles created by one Potentate in two years!

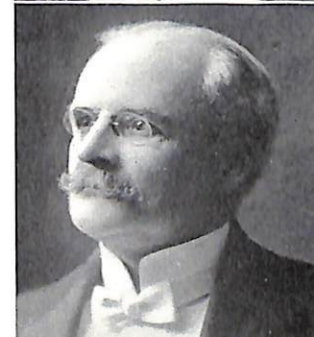
In 1924 the New England unit of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children was located in Springfield and was dedicated in 1925. Representatives from all over the east participated and fifteen Temples took part in the parade. Dinner and a huge Ceremonial followed at the Eastern States Coliseum. Melha was host to over seven thousand Nobles that day. The founding of the Springfield unit of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children is indeed one of the major high spots in our first fifty years.



Charles H. Miller 1897-1902



William H. Titus 1903-1904



H. Leroy Woodward 1905



Charles L. Young 1906-1907



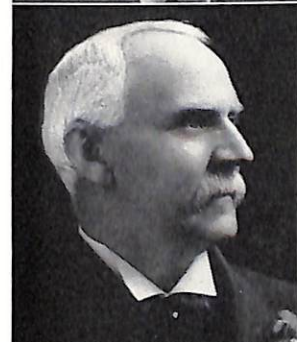
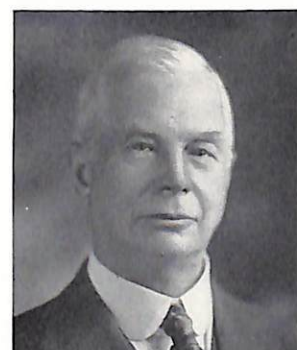
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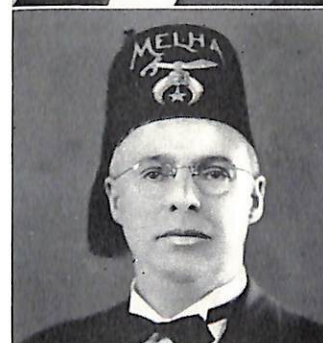


George G. Carr 1943

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MELHA TEMPLE IN RETROSPECT (Continued from Page 12)

Thru these many years Melha Temple has not neglected the social side of our organization. Years ago there were coach trips to the Berkshires and theater parties were one of the earliest activities in the Gay Nineties, when Springfield had an opera house and the best plays visited here. There were of course clambakes throughout the years. Ball games, shows and lectures have been sponsored by Melha. In the last few years we have had Open House in the form of a three day Fall Fez-tival and also a Monte Carlo Night. All of these activities have been for Shriners and their ladies.

We have also maintained contact with the Blue Lodges by sponsoring an annual Shrine-Blue Lodge Night, following a good dinner an address by one of the leading men in Masonry has been enjoyed. Visitations to many Blue Lodges have been made where, by invitation, Degrees have been exemplified by members of the Shrine who are Past Masters of their respective lodges. The several units of the Temple have also held many Ladies' Nights at which time dinners, smorgasbords, entertainments and dancing have been enjoyed.

Today one of the most popular of the organizations in the Temple is the "Old Timers Club" which is an organization of about five hundred Nobles. Monthly dinner meetings are held followed by many and diversified forms of entertainment.

In World War One and World War Two members of Melha Temple served with distinction in all of the branches of the Armed Forces. Our Nobles saw service on land, on the sea, in the air, in the medical units and as chaplains. We are indeed proud of the record of our Legion of Honor.

The Shrine-Elk Golf Tournament is a yearly event where the best players of both organizations meet on the golf course and the best mathematicians meet in the club house to figure out the scores and who gets the prizes. It is unique that the two organizations are so evenly matched in golfing talent that possession of the "Harry Samble" cup changes each year, and always

the score is close, within a half a point. The game, the all around good fellowship, the banquet and distribution of prizes makes this one of the outstanding affairs of the year.

Many visitations to other Temples are made by groups of three or four to groups like the one that recently attended "Melha Night" at Aleppo Temple. Aleppo was host to four bus loads of Melha Shriners on this 50th birthday party given to us. Our Patrol attended and gave an exhibition drill. Many of the Directors and Legion also attended. The Divan and six Past Potentates headed up this large delegation.

The Imperial Session at Atlantic City held in May of this year was one of the best and was attended by about three hundred Melha Nobles and their ladies. Our Patrol and Nobles took part in the gigantic parade. A special train and excellent hotel accommodations for four days made this one of the memorable events of this past year.

For 29 years our Shrine paper "Camelha" has been doing a fine job of keeping the Nobility up to date on the news. Since 1918 when it was first started it has been accepted as one of the best Shrine publications.

While we celebrate this, our Fiftieth Anniversary, let us remember that this year is also the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Shrine. It is also the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children and the Twenty-second Anniversary of our Springfield unit. We as members of Melha Temple are justly proud of the fact that we are one of the few Temples privileged to have a Hospital Unit in our city.

The preface that was borrowed from twenty-five years ago contained the essence of the meaning of "Fraternity" when it said "Let us all get together and pull on the oars of co-operation and keep Melha where she rightfully belongs, among the leaders". It is still a good thought for the next fifty years.

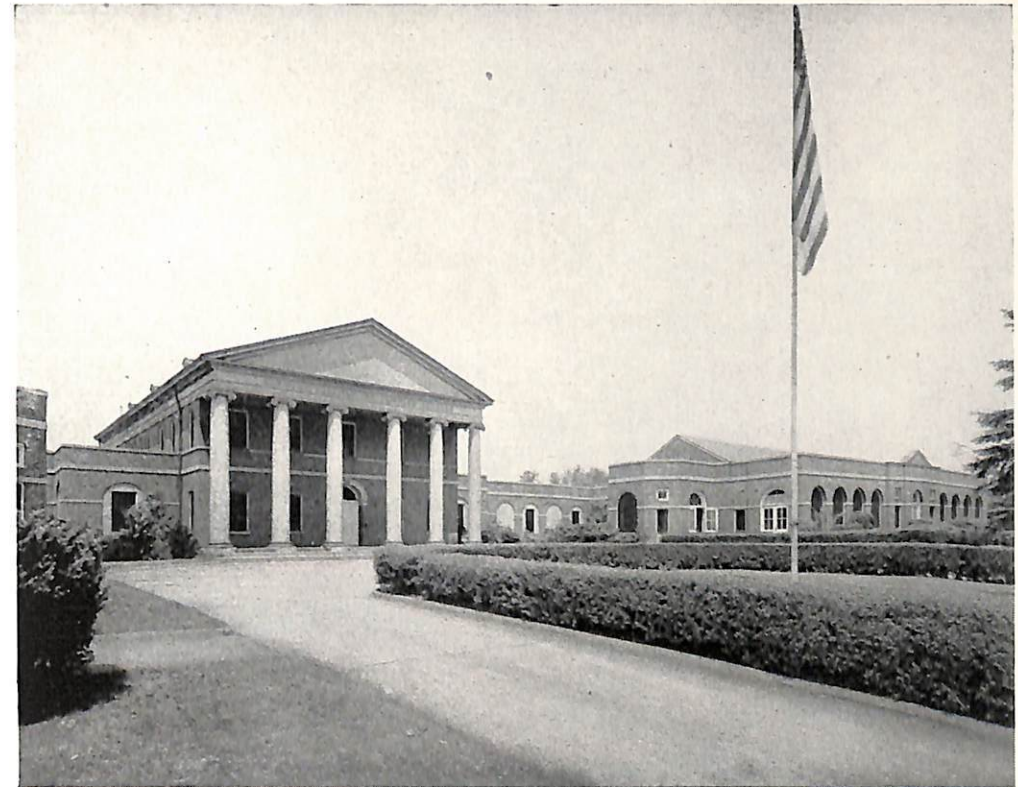
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Please accept my hearty congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Melha Temple on August 23rd, 1947. This is a year of celebrations, because September 16th marks the Twenty-Fifth or Silver Anniversary of our Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children, and what began as a hopeful dream, today has become universally known as "The World's Greatest Philanthropy".

World War II is over; the peace is ours. But ours to complete. We stand upon the threshold of the future Destiny of Man. Our Hospitals are once again able to obtain nurses and other help and are gradually nearing full capacity of operation.

We are firmly resolved that the high standards which have been maintained at every one of our Units since their inception a quarter of a century ago will continue to prevail and we will keep their merciful doors open to thousands of little broken bits of humanity from the poorer homes of North America, without regard to race, creed or color; and each little patient will receive the same unexcelled medical and surgical treatment, as well as schooling, food and care that we have given to more than 100,000 little boys and girls, who, in the past twenty-five years, have entered our Hospitals on crutches or in someone's arms, and eventually walked out into happy, useful lives.

Our Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children are the soul of the Shrine. Through their great accomplishments each of us can feel that inner satisfaction which all men seek; that inner satisfaction which the Master tried to instill in the hearts of men when he said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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ARAB PATROL ASSOCIATION

The first minutes on record of the Arab Patrol Association is their Annual Meeting held on Dec. 9, 1920, at which time the membership was 227 with a bank account of \$1669.45. At this time the Captain of the Military Patrol was William R. Hamilton. The Officers elected for 1921 were President Lorin S. Wood; Vice-President, J. Francis Tucker; Secretary William Turner and Treasurer J. Dale Outhuse. Noble Hamilton resigned as Captain and J. Lewis Kelley was elected Captain; John A. Webster, 1st Lieut., and H. L. Ross, 2nd Lieut. During this year the Association voted to purchase new fifes for the Drum Corps and also a Patrol Banner and State Flag. Noble William R. Hamilton the retiring Captain was presented with a ring in behalf of the patrol in appreciation of the work he had done to bring the Patrol up to the high standard it had attained. The Military Patrol was taken to Albany, N. Y., on October 21st, to welcome the Imperial Potentate. The Ames Sword Company donated two stands for flags.

Some of the "High Lights" of the years following the organization are as follows:

1922—It was voted to purchase for the Military Patrol 36 Scimitars at \$6.00 each including belt and chain for same. Contributed \$600.00 to Drum Corps for new suits. 1st Lieut. John Webster was elected Captain of the Patrol.

1924—Voted \$720.00 to purchase 60 Fezes for Patrol. Corner stone of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children was laid on May 26th. Made trip to Atlantic City in September.

1926—Voted \$25.00 to add to dish supply of kitchen. Dues voted to be \$1.00 per year instead of \$2.00. \$50.00 towards radio for Club Room.

1928—Voted to form a Camel Herders Club. The paraphernalia for same to cost \$65.00 but each candidate was obliged to pay \$1.00 for the degree and also \$1.00 for the emblem.

1929—Contributed \$50.00 to the Trustees to help defray the expense of the curtain in the large hall.

1930—Contributed \$75.00 to purchase a refrigerator for kitchen. Made trip to Toronto.

1932—Made trip to Greenfield, North Adams and Pittsfield.

1933—Donated \$474.20 to buy single chairs for Temple card parties.

1936—Contributed \$100.00 to the Palestine Temple Convalescent Home.

During the war years Melha Temple Arab Patrol Association and Patrol confined their activities to their own pleasures such as holding an annual Ladies' Night, and the regular monthly meetings.

Also the Patrol took active part in all affairs of the Temple. Traveling to Albany, Hartford, and other visitations that the Potentate invited them to attend.

The last trip the Patrol made was to Atlantic City, New Jersey to attend the 1947 Annual Imperial Council Session, held on May 25, 26, 27 and 28th. One month later the Patrol was taken to Boston, Massachusetts, to attend Melha Night, held at Aleppo Temple.

The presiding officers of the Patrol Association for the year 1947 are as follows:

President—Edmund B. Cartmill
Vice-President—Fred Stothert
Secretary—Earl Abbe
Treasurer—Herman Bragg

For the Military Patrol:

Captain William Childs
Lieut. Earl Dennett
Lieut. John Fleming
Lieut. Alfred Gray Phillips

MELHA DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION



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DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION

The DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION of Melha Temple was organized March 12, 1918, by Harry Hammersley, the first President, with a membership of 30. Its objective was and still is to assist the Potentate and Officers of the Temple and the other organizations within the Temple in various entertainments.

The ASSOCIATION, since its organization, has taken over the second section and assists in the first section at the Ceremonials. Today the Directors are instrumental in directing the majority of the entertainment at the Temple. The membership has been increased to 60 active members, 12 inactive members and 21 honorary members. The inactive members are our examining Doctors and members of the Divan. The honorary members are our first President and organizer, Harry Hammersley and all of our Past Potentates. Heading the list of our Past Potentates is our first Potentate Charlie Miller, followed by 19 other Past Potentates, who are still living. Meetings are held at the Temple on the second Tuesday of each month.

Each Sunday you will find a Director at the Springfield unit of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, who is ready to escort visitors through the Hospital. Nobles and their friends are always welcome. Visiting hours are from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., Sundays only.

The present officers are:

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FRANKLIN SHRINE CLUB

The Franklin Shrine Club was born during the First World War and was always out in front in services to the armed forces and civic affairs.

It was organized informally by a small number of Shriners as a social club and gradually grew until its present membership is over 75.

In 1931 Melha Temple performed the ceremonial in Greenfield which was one of the high-lights of the Club, and interest has continually grown until now we hold New Years Parties, Hallo-we'en Parties; we also have a reception to the Potentate every spring and hold a dinner dance at some well-known Hotel in the fall and usually we have a clam-bake in the late summer.

We try to hold a monthly meeting someplace, usually at President Noble Faber's camp, where a grand get-together is enjoyed by all.

The purpose of the Club is to further good-fellowship and sociability among the Nobles and their families and to do our bit towards the Ladder of Smiles, which we do frequently.

In the early childhood of the Club there were a number of hard workers and to mention a few were Nobles Arthur Wilcox, and George Fletcher, and today every member of the Club is a willing helper and nothing is ever started that is not put over in grand style.

I would like to mention the Past Presidents to whom the Club owes its life, [I am taking this from memory and am sorry if I miss any]: Noble Sandy Hodgen, Doc. Foster, Fredericks, Small, Al Lodge, Frank Woodrow and our present President Hank Faber.

During the life of the Club we have been honored by having Nobles George Sheldon, A. F. Hodgen and Phillip Foster selected as representatives of Melha Temple at different annual conventions.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the Nobles of Melha Temple for their assistance and support in the past, also to thank all the members of Franklin Shrine Club for their wonderful help and support.

NOBLE H. M. FABER, *President.*
NOBLE J. E. WOODWARD, *Vice-Pres.*
NOBLE H. A. LANG, *Secty.-Treas.*

THE OLD TIMERS' CLUB

The club was organized on June 17, 1938 with Noble George Gray, Sr., as Temporary Chairman. There were thirty Nobles present at the first meeting. The guiding purpose of the Club was to keep the "old boys" together and to work for the best interests of Melha Temple. The first meetings were held at the Chandler Hotel.

The first officers elected were:

President, WALTER H. DAMON, P.P.
Vice-President, CARL P. REILLY, P.P.
Secretary, CARL H. AVENIUS.
Treasurer, JOHN A. WEBSTER, P.P.

Monthly meetings have been held, preceeded by the famous W.D.P.B. Refreshment Hour and Mrs. Granat's excellent suppers. Entertainments have included noted speakers, movies of interesting subjects, including those of Imperial Council Sessions and Parades.

The popularity of the "Old Timers" is evidenced by the growth from thirty members in 1938 to the present membership of 500 Nobles.

The following are some of the projects that have been carried out by the Club:

Shrine Hospital—Ladder of Smiles.
Shrine Hospital—Mural and Movies.
Melha Temple Building and Repair Fund.
New Equipment and Supplies for the Kitchen.
Repairs to Furniture in Melha Clubroom.
Directors' Work Shop.
Recorder's Office—New Rug.
Entertainment for children at Shriners' Hospital.

The Old Timers' Club has been faithfully served by the following Nobles as Presidents:

1938-1940 WALTER H. DAMON, P.P.
1941 DEWEY SAMSON
1942 CARL P. REILLY, P.P.
1943 FRANK O. HARTWELL
1944 OTTO C. KUERT
1945 WESLEY G. STEPHENS
1946 WILLIAM F. SWEETLAND
1947 HENRY L. BURNETT

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BERKSHIRE SHRINE CLUB

The above club was formed primarily to provide an opportunity for fellowship and the furtherance of Melha Temple to the Nobles of Berkshire County, who, because of their distance from Springfield, were not always able to participate in the activities held at the Temple there.

Memory fails to recall those who first conceived the idea of the Shrine Club in Berkshire County but after a few years the club became inactive. Approximately twenty years ago Miles W. Illingsworth and John G. Rose interested themselves in it and the program has been carried on pretty consistently since that time.

Under the leadership of John Rose, Past Potentate, the club has collected tinfoil for the hospital for many years. For several years previous to World War II, the club held a dinner dance and reception for the new Potentate and his divan but this was dropped during the war years and it has not been possible to find suitable accommodations to start over again. The Club has also conducted a series of concerts given by the Stanley Club Junior Symphony Orchestra, proceeds of which were allocated towards helping worthy children before and after their treatment at the hospital. The Club also has been instrumental in securing quite a few contributions to the "Ladder of Smiles".

All through the years the club has been fortunate in that it has found men of ability who thought that the club was worthwhile to devote their time to conducting its affairs. In fear of not enumerating all of these men it has been thought best to make no reference to their names. The present officers are:

President, ERNEST W. WILDER, Dalton.
Secretary, ROBERT W. WILLIS, Pittsfield.
Treasurer, J. Howard Fryer, Pittsfield.

The Club has representatives in each town and city in the county who serve as Vice-Presidents. The present membership is 214.

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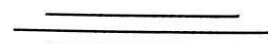
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LEGION OF HONOR — MELHA TEMPLE

The Legion of Honor of Melha Temple, an organization of Shriners who are former servicemen of the United States military forces, and those of its Allies, is one of the several outstanding units within the Temple whose activities have been mutually beneficial to the Shrine and its individual members.

Formed on January 7, 1924, under the guiding hand of Past Potentate Harry H. Caswell, the Legion of Honor immediately began to play a prominent part in Shrine affairs. Over the years its social affairs have been outstanding, its philanthropical work varied, and its participation in Melha's diversified affairs widespread.

Harry E. Johnson was elected the Legion's first commander, with Earl Lancaster vice-commander and Mark C. Newton, adjutant.

Over the years, the Legion has maintained a steady interest in the Hospital, provided a colorfully-uniformed drill team for ceremonials and parades, and has held a steady succession of social affairs for the general enjoyment of the Nobility.

Mark Newton was the second commander followed by Donald MacDonald, Raymond Palmer, John Schoonmaker, Irving Norton, Louis Henin, Paul Oliver, Albert Leggett, William Foerster, and Wesley G. Stephens.

Noble Norton was elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the National Association of Legions of Honor during the 1930's.

With the approach of the Second World War, Legion of Honor members found themselves becoming more and more deeply enmeshed in the war effort, and

several members of the Legion were recalled to active duty with the armed services. This situation brought swift curtailment to ordinary Legion activities within the Shrine, although a nucleus of the organization remained active against the time when the war would end.

With World War II officially ended, and at the request of Potentate Donald H. Mudd, whose desires coincided with those of the Imperial Potentate; Chief Rabban Wesley G. Stephens acted to reactivate the Legion of Honor. In April 1947, approximately 40 members of the Legion were complimented at a dinner in the Temple, and the interest shown made it apparent that the unit would again take its place among leading Shrine organizations. The membership goal has been established at 100 active Shriners, and present indications are that this mark will be exceeded. Planned for future activities are: establishment of a drill team, a military ball for October, new uniforms of a distinctive type and active interest in one or more of the Hospital's activities.

George A. Raiche, former commander in the Navy, was elected commander at the reactivation meeting; William J. Foerster vice-commander; Edmund B. Cartmill second vice-commander; Stanley H. Smith finance officer; Charles Manthos adjutant.

The Legion of Honor takes this opportunity to welcome into its ranks any former serviceman bearing an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States or its Allies. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

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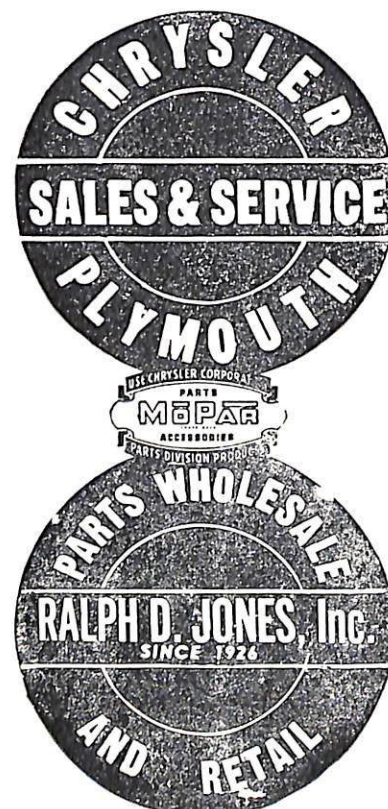
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NORTHEASTERN SHRINE ASSOCIATION

In 1935 Illustrious Noble Clarence J. MacKenzie, Potentate of Aleppo Temple, in his visitations to neighboring Temples throughout New England expressed the opinion that these Temples should band themselves together in some sort of an association or council for the mutual benefit of these Temples as well as to elevate and extend the influence of the Order of the Mystic Shrine as a whole.

On October 18, 1936, following the dedication of the Lawton Home in Springfield the officers of several of the New England Temples held a meeting at the Hotel Kimball for the purpose of discussing an organization of Temples in this area. At this meeting the organization known as the New England Shrine Council was formed.

At the Imperial Council Session held at Detroit June 22-24, 1937, the officers of the New England Temples held a meeting at which time it was definitely decided to hold annual meetings, election of officers and field days of the New England Shrine Council. The Potentate and officers of Palestine Temple of Providence offered to act as the Host Temple for the first meeting or field day in Providence, Rhode Island.

The following list of Temples indicates those Temples who were original members and took part in the first meeting and those who have joined since. Temples listed in order of seniority.

Mount Sinai, chartered Oct. 31, 1876.
Pyramid, chartered April 18, 1877.
Aleppo, chartered June 23, 1882.
Palestine, chartered Feb. 6, 1886.
Karnak, chartered Nov. 8, 1899. Joined N.E.S.A., 1946.
Kora, chartered Dec. 6, 1891.
Sphinx, chartered April 15, 1896.
Melha, chartered June 9, 1897.
Luxor, chartered June 26, 1903. Joined N.E.S.A., 1938.

Cairo, chartered July 9, 1903.
Bektash, chartered Jan. 25, 1905.
Philae, chartered July 12, 1911. Joined N.E.S.A., 1946.
Anah, chartered June 16, 1921.

The members of the Council according to the Preamble and By-Laws consist of the Potentates, Chief Rabbans, Assistant Rabbans, Treasurers, Records, Past Potentates, and current year's representatives to the Imperial Council from the Temples holding membership in the organization.

According to the By-Laws of the Association, the President, when elected, shall be the Chief Rabban of his Temple and this office shall rotate according to the seniority of the Temples holding membership beginning with Mt. Sinai Temple. The Vice-President, when elected, shall be the Assistant Rabban of the Temple next in seniority to that of the President and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be the Recorder of his Temple.

Due to a recent change in laws the name of the New England Shrine Council was changed to that of the Northeastern Shrine Association.

The last annual meeting and fall field day held in Bangor, Maine, was the final meeting of the first cycle, each Temple having acted as Host to the Association. The meeting held this month in Barre, Vermont, with Mt. Sinai Temple as Host starts the second trip around the circuit.

It is felt by Shrine officials that the Northeastern Shrine Association has been a valuable asset to Shrine-dom in this part of the country in spreading the sunshine of the Shrine among the members of the organization and has enlightened the public on the laudable activities and splendid work throughout our communities, more especially that of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children.



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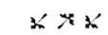
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10:00 A.M. Candidates of the May 10, 1947 and the August 16, 1947 First Section, report to Melha Temple for registration and instructions for Parade and Second Section.

12:00 Noon Assembly for Parade on Church, Morgan, Osgood and Bancroft Streets, between Main and Dwight.

1:00 P.M. Colorful Street Parade.

Line of March.

From Bancroft Street, south on Main Street to Court Street. West on Court, past Reviewing Stand on Esplanade to Columbus Ave., where buses will be stationed for Coliseum.

Line-up of Parade.

Illustrious Karl Rex Hammers, Imperial Potentate.

Illustrious Donald H. Mudd, Potentate, Melha Temple.

Past Imperial Potentates and Imperial Officers.

Most Worshipful Samuel H. Wragg, Grand Master of Masons for the State of Massachusetts, and Suite.

Illustrious Charles H. Miller, First Potentate of Melha Temple with other Charter Members of Melha Temple.

Melha Divan, Uniformed Units, Melha Nobles and Candidates, escorted by Melha Directors.

Potentates, Divans, Past Potentates and Uniformed Units of Visiting Temples.

2:30 P.M. Exposition Grounds. Exhibition drill by Melha Temple Arab Patrol assisted by Melha Temple Drum Corps. Other features.

4:00 P.M. Dinner for all Nobles at Industrial Arts Building.

5:30 P.M. Grand Entry of Illustrious Potentate, Divan and Uniformed Units of Melha Temple.

Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation by Rev. Wm. E. McCormack.

Reception and introduction of Past Imperial Potentates and Imperial Officers.

Reception and introduction of Melha Charter Members, Past Potentates.

Reception and introduction of Visiting Dignataries.

Reception and introduction of Illustrious Karl Rex Hammers, Imperial Potentate.

7:30 P.M. Second Section. Presentation of candidates escorted by Melha Directors Second Section Staff, assisted by Degree Teams of Visiting Temples.

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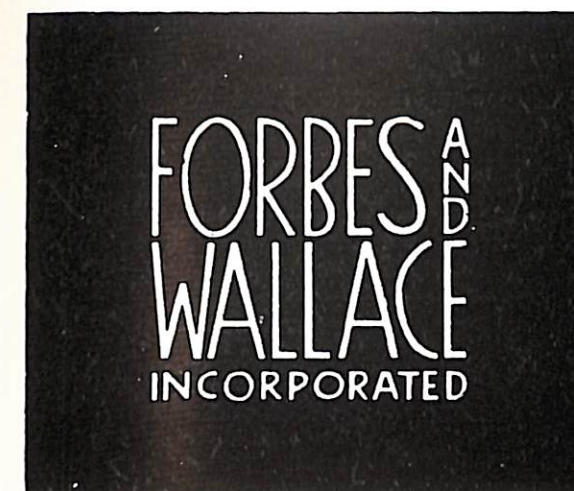
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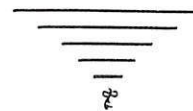
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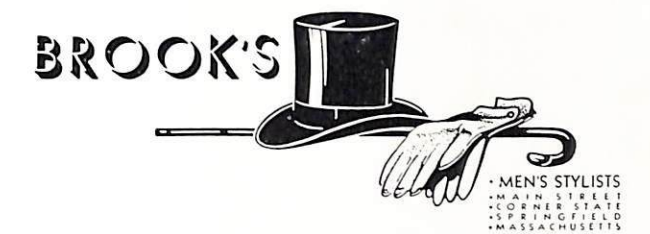
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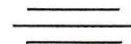


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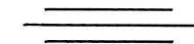


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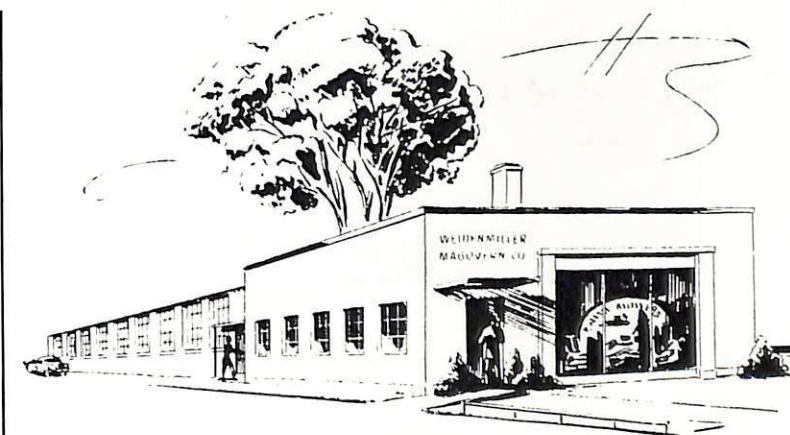
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